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INTRODUCTORY NOTES.

THE eminent success of THOMAS COOK & SON in the organization of Excursion parties makes it unnecessary for them to offer certificates and testimonials to the public, or to quote from the thousands of newspapers and scores of books the voluntary commendations of the manner in which such enterprises have been managed. During forty-five years *eight million* persons have traveled under their escort, or on their tickets in various parts of the globe, and to this host of patrons reference is confidently made as to the manner in which their contracts are executed.

Railroad communications in America have been improved and extended till it is now easy to make a prolonged tour by direct lines of travel, and to reach by the cars almost all places of interest; attractive towns have sprung up on both slopes of the Rocky Mountains; and, finally, railroad and hotel equipments have become so luxurious that a summer jaunt to the Pacific coast is no longer an exhausting labor, but a delightful diversion and recreation.

Summer, it is well known, is the favorable time for making such a journey, as this is the dry season in California, and the weather is so uniformly pleasant that it is not necessary to make any provision against rain or to consider the possibility of a day of sight-seeing being interrupted. There is no more salubrious or agreeable climate in the world than that of California, and the mean Summer temperature is only ten degrees warmer than that of Winter.

For four years past we have organized and successfully carried out an excursion, covering a somewhat similar tour, to the entire satisfaction of a large number of ladies and gentlemen, who have expressed themselves so highly pleased with the entire arrangements made by us for their pleasure and comfort that we feel justified in announcing the present party, which will leave New York on Thursday, May 20th, 1886.

GENERAL SCOPE OF THE TOUR.

The route has been materially improved from year to year, as experience has suggested, and we believe we are fully justified in saying that it covers *the most varied and interesting route for pleasure travel in America that has ever been published in connection with an excursion party.*

Among the points of interest visited are Chicago, Denver, the sublime scenery of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, including the most famous passes, gorges and cañons; Salt Lake City, the home of the Mormons; the unspeakable grandeur of the Yosemite Valley, with a visit to the Big Trees; the Golden Gate and Cliff House at San Francisco; Portland, Oregon; nature's Wonderland, the Yellowstone National Park, while on the return, Niagara Falls will be visited and the party can compare that wonder in nature with those they will have already feasted their eyes upon.

This magnificent tour will include the finest scenery on the American continent, and almost all that is worth going to see that

is at present accessible. The outward and the homeward journeys are on entirely different lines, so that the impression of constant novelty is preserved. The journey will be broken by considerable stops every few hundred miles, thus preventing the least robust members of the party from being prostrated by fatigue.

Of course, the most time will be given to those places which offer the most numerous points of interest to the tourist. Nearly a week will be spent in Colorado, visiting the famous peaks and mines, the gulf-like cañons and gorges of the Rocky Mountains, the fantastic rock-sculpture and mineral springs of Manitou, and the picturesque "Garden of the Gods;" and the party will tarry a fortnight on the Pacific coast, with its headquarters at San Francisco, from which city delightful excursions can be made along the coast and into the interior.

THE TRAVELING ARRANGEMENTS.

The traveling arrangements are most complete, covering Pullman Palace cars for the entire trip whenever necessary. At all the places of sojourn the very best hotels have been selected for the entertainment of the party; in San Francisco it will stop at the famous Palace Hotel, the largest in the world. Undue hurry will be avoided. Special arrangements have already been made at the eating-houses where meals are to be procured *en route*, and sufficient time will be appropriated. No expense or effort has been spared to secure such perfect arrangements as will guarantee the utmost comfort and enjoyment. Sleeping-cars will not be crowded, and a double berth will be allotted to each passenger, married couples a whole section. The same general arrangements of berths will be preserved, as far as practicable, throughout the tour, thus avoiding frequent and unpleasant changes, modifications being made only for the mutual accommodation of members. At the same time members will be free to visit all the cars chartered for the tour, thus giving the whole affair the character of a select family party. Musical and other entertaining accomplishments will, of course, be revealed during the trip, which will help to employ the time pleasantly in the intervals of sight-seeing.

There need not be any anxiety about the party getting accommodation in sleeping-cars or rooms at hotels, for all these will be engaged far in advance, thus ensuring the proper and punctual service of the party during the entire tour. The passenger will find himself in the enjoyment of every luxury that money can command for about one-half what it would cost an individual traveler to go over the same route.

PERSONAL ARRANGEMENT AND SUPERVISION.

The party will be accompanied throughout by thoroughly well qualified and experienced conductors, whose duty it will be to take entire charge of the party, to see that they are comfortably provided for, to relieve them of all care of baggage, and to assume all responsibilities of the journey, leaving our guests free to receive all the pleasure and profit attainable.

The allotment of rooms at hotels is made in advance, and each member of the party will receive before leaving the train, or on

reaching the station, a little card bearing his name and the number of his room, whither his baggage, without any attention on his part, will promptly follow him.

WHAT THE COST INCLUDES.

The ticket for the round trip, costing SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS, will entitle the holder to first-class transportation for the entire journey, sleeping-cars by night and drawing-room cars by day, as specified in the Itinerary; first-class hotel accommodation; meals at depot dining-rooms, or in dining-cars; special carriage-drives as per Itinerary; all transfers of passengers and their baggage between hotels and railroad stations; free transportation of 150 pounds of baggage to each—in fact, all necessary expenses for the entire tour from New York back to New York, so that no further investment of money is required except for personal gratification.

The fare charged *includes the trips to the Yosemite Valley, the Yellowstone Park,* and all other side trips named in the Itinerary.

The ticket for the return journey is good to return at any time within *six months* of the date of leaving New York, and any wishing to prolong their stay on the Pacific coast will be entitled to do so. For the outward trip, however, the excursionists must travel together.

HOW TO JOIN THE PARTY.

Persons wishing to become members of the party should send us a check or postal order for TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS each, giving full name and address for registry on our books. We will at once return a "Deposit Receipt" for the amount, which will secure membership until one week prior to the date of departure, when the remainder of the fare must be paid and the necessary tickets will be delivered.

As the amount of accommodation engaged cannot be increased, it is absolutely necessary that application for places be made at an early date to avoid disappointment.

New England people can obtain full information at our Boston office, 197 Washington Street, where all arrangements for the trip can be made. Cost from Boston back to Boston same as from New York.

Pennsylvania passengers will be supplied with tickets and can pay deposits and make all necessary arrangements at our Philadelphia office, 337 Walnut Street.

Chicago passengers and persons in the North-west generally should communicate with our Chicago Office for any required information. Address, THOS. COOK & SON, 106 Dearborn Street.

Those who cannot apply in person at our chief office, or at one of our agencies, can arrange by mail quite as satisfactorily in the manner suggested above.

DAILY ITINERARY.

THURSDAY, MAY 20th.—Leave New York by night express train, *via* West Shore Route, in Palace Sleeping-Cars, for Chicago.

FRIDAY, MAY 21st.—Breakfast at Depot Dining-Rooms, Syracuse ; dinner and supper on Dining-Cars.

CHICAGO.

SATURDAY, MAY 22d.—Due at Chicago at 8 A. M.

SUNDAY, MAY 23d.—To be spent in Chicago. (*Sherman House.*)

MONDAY, MAY 24th.—Leave Chicago at noon in Pullman Palace Cars, *via* the "Burlington Route," for Denver ; dinner and supper in Dining-Cars.

TUESDAY, MAY 25th.—Breakfast in Dining-Car ; dine at Depot Dining-Rooms, Lincoln, Neb. ; supper at Hastings.

DENVER.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26th.—Due at Denver at 6 A. M.

Denver, the capital and chief city of Colorado, lies at an altitude of 5,197 feet, within 12 miles of the Rocky Mountains, and from the lofty plateaus on which the city rests can be seen the snow-capped crescent extending more than 200 miles, the drapery of purple and white, mellowed by distance, glittering in the sun. The streets of the city are regularly laid out. The works of the Boston & Colorado Smelting Company at Agro in the suburbs of Denver, are among the finest and most extensive gold and silver reducing establishments in the world. The buildings are of immense size and are constructed of cut-stone with corrugated iron roofs. The large ore house alone is 450 feet long by 120 feet wide, and the principal smelting furnaces occupy another building nearly 300 feet in length ; besides which there are refining works, offices and other large buildings. The *Windsor Hotel* will entertain the party during its stay in Denver.

The Tabor Opera House, costing \$600,000, is probably the most elegant building of its character in the country.

THURSDAY, MAY 27th.—Leave at night in Pullman Cars for a special tour of sight-seeing among the Rocky Mountains.

THE LA VETA PASS.

FRIDAY, MAY 28th.—A favorable point for sight-seeing will be reached about 6 A. M. and the train will then commence the ascent of the famous La Veta Pass, where for nearly half a mile the grade averages 213 feet per mile. The elevation of this pass is 9,339 feet, nearly twice as high as the most celebrated passes of the Alps, and Inspiration Point reveals a grand panorama. Away to the east the morning sun gilds the Spanish Peaks, those twin sentinels seeming to rise from a limitless plain, and across the great gulf towers the bald and polished cone of Veta Mountain. The air is highly electrical and the spirits buoyant, and the eye beholds one of the loveliest pictures on Nature's canvas. At Placer the Sierra Blanca, the loftiest peak of the Colorado Rockies, becomes visible.

The descent on the other side is not quite so steep or tortuous, but the views are magnificent. Alamosa is reached by noon, and dinner will be served at the Perry House, a stop of an hour being made for the purpose.

THE TOLTEC GORGE.

From Alamosa the tour will be continued still farther into the mountains, to the grand and impressive Toltec Gorge. After leaving Alamosa the railway climbs an easy grade, winding through verdant spots and dark-green pines, and fine views of distant peaks rising heavenward are obtained. Suddenly the valley of Los Pinos Creek bursts into view, but for a few moments only, when the train passes again into the pines for a mile or two. Shortly after emerging, the train is found to be upon the crest of a mountain, overlooking one of the most charming valleys in the world, 1,000 feet below. For the next ten miles the views are of unequalled grandeur, including Phantom Curve, and culminating in the impressiveness and solemnity of the Toltec Gorge. The return journey will then be made by night, reaching Colorado Springs and Manitou early the next morning.

MANITOU, THE GARDEN OF THE GODS, ETC.

SATURDAY, MAY 29th. }
SUNDAY, MAY 30th. } To be spent at Manitou. (*Manitou House.*)
MONDAY, MAY 31st. }

Manitou (named from "Gitchie Manitou, the Mighty") is situated in a rocky amphitheatre upon the side of Pike's Peak, which rises at the left to the height of 14,336 feet. The village where we leave the cars, "the Saratoga of the West," has an altitude of 6,357 feet. In this delightful retreat the party will spend a Sabbath, and surely there is no more appropriate place for worship than this grand cathedral of the hills. Carriages will be furnished, without extra expense, for a comprehensive drive of four hours, to include a visit to the Iron Springs, Ute Pass, Garden of the Gods, Glen Eyrie, the Mesa, and return *via* Colorado Springs, revealing at almost every point of vision some curious freak and sport of Nature in a blind effort at architecture and sculpture; stupendous castles clinging to cliffs; Gothic pulpits in niches; towers and minarets; beautiful siliceous formations; balancing rock cones; colossal columns with bulging tops like human heads, trooping over the hills like King Frederick's grenadiers. The Garden of the Gods is a lovely park of 500 acres, peopled with strange rock caricatures, standing upright, some of them 350 feet high, mainly of a soft, brilliantly red sandstone, though some are white. Glen Eyrie is almost as striking for its sculpturesque upheavals. Many other romantic rambles and drives may be made in the vicinity; among them the ascent to Pike's Peak, whose summit is only eleven miles distant, and is easily accessible on horseback. It yields, perhaps, the finest mountain view in the world.

THE ROYAL GORGE.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1st.—The party will leave Manitou by morning train for Salt Lake City in Pullman cars, passing through the famous Royal Gorge early in the afternoon.

This is the most stupendous and awful chasm traversed by any railway in the world, and whose passage is the event of a lifetime. The track runs for 200 feet along an iron shelf suspended over the gulf by steel girders mortised into the rock on either side. These walls of vari-colored rock, towering perpendicularly 3,000 feet, with scarcely twenty feet between, the roar of the writhing river at their base, the deepening shadows and the weird solitude, hush the voice and fill the soul with awe. Truly the Maker is here!

The cañon is here a mere fissure, and the river, crowded between the walls, and broken into foam by the rocks that have fallen into its bed, occupies one side, while the railway track, ten or twelve feet above it, lies close against the opposite wall, save where, for a few rods, the walls recede a little, enabling the eye to follow their surface to the topmost crags, 3,000 feet above. The rocks are many-hued; bright-red, green, grayish-white, and brown; here, stained with dropping water, and there overgrown with moss.

Grace Greenwood writes: "I was lost in silent joy when I came to look down into that Grand Cañon, the greatest sight I have yet seen in Colorado. It is grander than the Yosemite, because of its color, which is everywhere dark with rich porphyry tints. Awful was the chasm, stupendous were the mountain steeps around it, gloomy were the woods, strange, lonely and savage and out of the world."

SALT LAKE CITY.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2d.—Reach Salt Lake City at 5 P. M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3d.—The day will be spent at Salt Lake City.

Among the interesting sights of Salt Lake City are the enormous Tabernacle, 250 x 250 feet, an admirably arranged but ugly building, whose superb organ will be heard; the Tithing House; the Menagerie and Museum of native curiosities; the Theatre; the Temple block; the city buildings; the Salt Lake; the copious sulphur springs and the novel manifestations of Mormon industry and social customs. The lake is so buoyant that a bather floats in it, and cannot sink, and if he sits upright his arms and shoulders will rise above the water. A bath in it, if the bather keeps eyes and mouth closed, is refreshing and invigorating.

In the evening, train will again be taken for the journey towards the setting sun.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4th.—*En route* through Nevada. Breakfast at Elko, Dinner at Humboldt, Supper at Reno.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5th.—Breakfast at Silver Palace Dining-Room, Sacramento, and reach San Francisco at 11 A. M.

SAN FRANCISCO, THE YOSEMITE VALLEY, ETC.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th. }
MONDAY, JUNE 7th. } To be spent in San Francisco. (*Palace Hotel.*)
TUESDAY, JUNE 8th. }

NOTE.—As it is impracticable to convey a large party into the Yosemite Valley at one time, it may be necessary to arrange two sections to leave San Francisco on succeeding days in accordance with the following plan: the second section reaching San Francisco one day later than here mentioned.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9th.—Leave by afternoon train in Pullman Cars for Madera.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10th.—Arrive at Madera early in the morning. Breakfast at *Depot Hotel*, leaving by stage for Clark's. Dinner at Coarse Gold Gulch. Arrive at Clark's at 7 P. M., where the night will be spent. (*Wawona Hotel*.)

FRIDAY, JUNE 11th.—Leave Clark's at 7 A. M. for the Valley, passing Inspiration Point, Bridal Veil Falls, El Capitan, etc., and arriving at the *Yosemite Valley Hotel* at noon.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12th.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13th.

MONDAY, JUNE 14th.

To be spent in the Yosemite Valley, during which time excursions to the following places can be made: Mirror Lake, Vernal and Nevada Falls, Glacier Point, Sentinel Dome, etc. The expense for horses, mules or guides in the Valley are moderate, \$3.00 a day being the price for a horse or a mule, for any of the above-named excursions, and \$3.00 a day for a guide for each trip. If small parties are made up, of course one guide will answer for the entire party. (Horses and guides are not included in the ticket, not being absolutely necessary.)

TUESDAY, JUNE 15th.—Leave at 6 A. M. for Clark's, arriving at noon. Visit the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16th.—Reach Madera. Spend the night at the *Depot Hotel*.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17th.—Proceed to San Francisco by early morning train, reaching San Francisco at 2.35 P. M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18th.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19th.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20th.

MONDAY, JUNE 21st.

To be spent in San Francisco. (*Palace Hotel*.) During the stay in San Francisco an excursion to Monterey (*Hotel del Monte*) will be arranged, spending a day or two there.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22d.—Leave at 10 A. M. from Spier Street Wharf by steamer for Portland.

NOTE.—The date of sailing of steamer from San Francisco is subject to a slight change. If such should occur due notice will be given.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23d.—On board steamer.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24th.—Reach Astoria in the morning and Portland toward evening.

OREGON.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25th.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26th.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27th.

To be spent at Portland. A carriage-drive will be provided to the hills above the city where a fine view of the mountain can be had.

MONDAY, JUNE 28th.—Leave at 7 A. M. by steamboat for a trip up the Columbia River. Dine on boat. Reach the Dalles at 5 P. M. Supper at the *Umatilla House*, after which leave, *via* Northern Pacific Railway, in Pullman cars, for the East.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29th.—*En route* through Montana. Breakfast, Dinner and Supper in Dining-Cars.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30th.—Reach Livingston at 2.30 P. M., and take branch line to Cinnibar; thence by stage to the *Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel*.

THE YELLOWSTONE PARK.

THURSDAY, JULY 1st.—To be spent at the *Mammoth Hot Springs*.

These remarkable terrace-building Springs are situated in a small valley, 1,000 feet above the Gardiner River, into which their flow is discharged. The material deposited by the Springs is mainly calcareous, taken up by the hot water as it finds its way to the surface through deep-lying cretaceous strata. The water issues at various elevations on the terraces from many vents, in pulsating waves, which overflow the basins and deposit thin corrugated layers of the substance held in solution. The slow but ceaseless operation of the Springs has resulted in building up terrace after terrace of scallop-edged, limpid pools and basins of hot water of varied size, form and temperature.

A fine view of the most active Springs and the surrounding mountains is obtained from the headquarters of the Park Superintendent. This building stands upon the top of a steep, rounded, grassy hill. Directly in front of it looms, through floating clouds of steam, the glaring bulk of the principal snow-white terraces, 200 feet above the plateau at their base.

The deposits which result from evaporation at the margin of each basin are exquisite in form and color. The rims are fretted with a delicate frost-work, and the outside of each bowl is beautifully adorned with a honeycomb pattern, while the spaces between the curves are often filled with glistening stalactites. The coating of the sides of the basins and pools takes on every delicate and vivid tint, rich cream and salmon colors predominating, but these deepening near the edges into brilliant shades of red, brown, green and yellow. The water is a turquoise blue, and so perfectly translucent that the most microscopic fretting deep down upon the sides and bottoms of the pool is plainly visible. Its crystal clearness cannot be described; it must be seen to be appreciated. Most of the Springs have two centres of ebullition, at which, doubtless, the water is at the boiling point; but at the edges the temperature is much lower. Around the hottest pools, in many cases, there are strung along the rim, like beads on a necklace, a row of nodules large as hazel nuts and hard as adamant. The play of the waters as they seethe up from the cavernous throats of the pools and undulate in miniature waves is wonderful. The rays of light are refracted by the agitation upon the surface, and are resolved into all the colors of the prism.

In several places beneath the crust the rush and gurgle of flowing water is distinctly heard. There is one cleft, a foot or more in

width, revealing a steaming stream traceable over a hundred yards in its course to the flashing pools below. The hot water vegetation is a curious feature of all the cooler rills which flow from the boiling Springs. There are an abundance of yellow, green, red, white and brown confervæ, covered with sulphur, which stream in long threads of silken texture through the gullies. These streaming filaments are very pretty.

FRIDAY, JULY 2d.—Leave at 8.30 A. M., in wagons, for the Geyser District. Reach Norris Geyser Basin at noon, where dinner will be served, proceeding thence to the Lower Geyser Basin, spending the night there, and proceed early Saturday morning to the Upper Geyser Basin.

THE UPPER GEYSER BASIN.

SATURDAY, JULY 3d.

SUNDAY, JULY 4th.

{ To be spent at the Upper Geyser Basin,
in the midst of the Great Geysers,
among which are "Old Faithful," the
"Giantess," and "Bee Hive."

The principal geysers of the Park are in this Basin, which extends from Old Faithful down the main Firehole River to a point just below the mouth of the Little Firehole River. The more important springs and geysers are on the main river. The extent of the Basin is about four square miles, but the chief geysers are situated within an area of perhaps half a mile along the course of the Firehole on either side of the stream. The surface of the Basin consists of a succession of ridges and knolls crowned with geysers and boiling springs. Clouds of steam hang as a pall over the Basin, and columns of vapor float upward like water wraiths from between the tree-tops of the surrounding forest. The earth is full of rumbling and gurgling sounds, and the air is laden with sulphurous fumes. Stupendous fountains of boiling water, veiled in spray, shoot toward heaven, at varying heights, like cascades reversed, glinting and coruscating and scintillating in the sunlight until their force is expended, when they fall in showers of flashing pearls with a shock that shakes the ground.

An excellent point from which to obtain a comprehensive view of the Upper Geyser Basin is a high mound near Old Faithful, formerly the crater of a geyser, of which nothing now is left save a small steaming, gurgling vent. Here the entire band of geysers may be seen and heard as they give their concert with hot water trumpets in perfect diapason, each performer at irregular intervals taking a solo part, and uttering his loudest tones in harmonic combination. Close at hand, on the right, is Old Faithful, which regularly every hour sends its stream of boiling water 160 feet upward and continues this spectacle for the space of five long minutes. This grand exhibition is alone sufficient to satisfy the expectations of the most exacting sight-seer. But there are many other geysers, besides, of greater power. In the foreground looms the Castle, looking like a feudal stronghold, belching forth its pearl-white clouds of steam and heavy jets of boiling water. To the right, across the river, is the Beehive, which, often twice a day, sends out a lordly column, 219 feet in height, from its shapely crater. A few rods beyond is the sapphire pool out of which the

Giantess plays fortnightly her stupendous fountain. Close by are the Lion, the Lioness, and her two Cubs, each of which, when roused to action, inspires terror by its growling. Further down the stream, still on the right hand side, behind an intervening point of pine woods, are the Saw Mill, which keeps up a harsh burring, and the Grand, which twice a day makes a display of its majestic power that well befits its name. Besides these, there are many other geysers of minor calibre, as well as countless steam vents and jets of scalding water, from all of which the flow is carried off by innumerable rills which are stained in brilliant dyes by the mineral deposits. Turning the eye again to the left bank of the Firehole River, and gazing beyond the broad bowl of azure water, called the "Beautiful Blue-crested Spring," which almost laves the base of the Castle, a towering column of steam, rushing out of the throat of the Giant like an evil genius ready for mischief, marks the scene of another group of important geysers. The Giant, with high cleft cone, stands close by the river. He is surrounded by a number of noisy retainers, of whom one named Young Faithful is the most vociferous. These all are constantly serving as vents for their brooding master, only ceasing their turbulence and cowering as in mute terror whenever his paroxysms of rage become ungovernable. A short distance to the left of this Colossus is the Grotto, whose labyrinths are thickly encrusted with pearls of dazzling lustre. Upon a gentle acclivity, not far to the westward, the Splendid, a young and energetic geyser, improvises a majestic column at least once in three hours, which it decks with luminous vapor like drapery of silver sheen. Then further on toward the south, near the extreme end of the Basin, are the Fan, with diverging jets, and the Riverside, rearing itself from the very brink of the stream, each being frequently in action, the last named shooting a strongly curved column, which breaks into spray and falls into the water like threads of gleaming light that sparkle and flash with the effulgence of the rainbow which is visible in the surrounding vapor. There are no less than 440 springs and geysers, according to the report of Dr. Hayden's latest survey, in the Upper Geyser Basin. Of these, at least twenty-six are known to be really geysers. Among the Springs are scores the astonishing beauty of which, with respect to the color, depth and translucency of the water and the wonderful delicacy, variety and richness of the silicious crystallizations, are not to be described. Geysers exist, it is true, in Iceland and New Zealand, but there are none to be found in groups so magnificent as here, nor are they likely to be reproduced elsewhere on so grand a scale.

MONDAY, JULY 5th.—Leave Upper Geyser Basin at 8 A. M., in wagons, for the Yellowstone Falls and Grand Cañon, passing *en route* the Excelsior Geyser (Hell's Half-Acre), the Prismatic Spring, etc. Dine at Fire Hole Station. Reach the Falls at 5 P. M. Accommodation will be provided at the Falls Camp and Hotel.

GRAND CANON AND FALLS OF THE YELLOWSTONE.

TUESDAY, JULY 6th.—To be spent at the Grand Cañon and the Falls of the Yellowstone.

Both the Upper and Lower Falls of the Yellowstone are alike in terrible majesty and power, but each, nevertheless, has its peculiar characteristics. The first is partly veiled by the woods, while the other, imprisoned by rugged walls of basalt, dashes itself in mad frenzy into the depths, where the course of the river is actually hidden for a time by the dense clouds of mist and columns of spray which dart upward from the base of the tremendous cataract. If the sun's rays penetrate these mist clouds at the proper angle, there is at once visible a rainbow not only wider but richer in color than can anywhere else be seen.

A bridle path leads to an eminence one mile below the Great Fall, called Point Lookout. From this bluff the most satisfactory view of the raging torrent and both faces of the cañon is to be obtained. This wonderful gorge displays itself from Point Lookout as a scene of enchantment, surpassing every expectation which the imagination has conjured up ere its remarkable features are witnessed. From the Upper Falls, for a distance of eight miles down the stream, the Grand Cañon of the Yellowstone reveals the most varied and astonishing groupings of crags and rocks which eye ever beheld. Among them are many Hot Springs, one of which is particularly noticeable as it shoots up clouds of vapor from its vent at the apex of a tall pinnacle. Not alone is the gaze entranced by the great variety in the form of the towering rocks which open up in changing pictures like the shifting scenes of a theatre, but also by the marvelous magnificence of this gorge throughout its vast depth in the brilliant tints of every hue, which the Hot Springs through long eras have painted upon its steep. Some of the colors are as bright as those to be found in a box of paints; indeed, it would be difficult to exaggerate their brilliancy. These colors often blend in harmonious shades, especially in the case of reds and yellows, which are toned down by gradual stages to white of purest beauty. Riding along the brink of the cañon, a succession of views present themselves which are awe-inspiring in their grandeur and sublimity. At our feet, far below us, rise pinnacles and towers, so lofty as to mock the masonry of man. In some places the walls of the cañon are vertical; in others they slope gently from the top, appearing like Gothic arches, with their apexes on the brow, and flaring down to the water's edge. Here and there are grand walls of structural basalt, each successive layer showing the jointing so distinctly as to appear like the work of Titanic builders. The nests of eagles and fish-hawks are seen on the pinnacles of the rocks far below, and the view of these birds soaring between the cañon walls and darting into the stream for trout is in itself very curious. In addition to all this, there is the silver glimmer of the clear, swift-flowing water in the depth of the cañon, the whole uniting to form a scene of enchanting splendor. Such views repeat themselves in infinite variety.

Of all the descriptions of the Grand Cañon which have been written, that of the Rev. Dr. Wayland Hoyt may be considered among the most graphic and beautiful. He says:

"Well, we have reached Cascade Creek at last; and a beautiful grove of trees, beneath whose shade sparkles a clear stream, whose waters are free from the nauseous taste of alkali, furnishes a

delightful place in which to camp. Now—dismounting, and seeing that your horse is well cared-for, while the men are unloading the pack-mules and pitching the tents—walk up that trail winding up that hillside ; follow it for a little among the solemn pines, and then pass out from the tree-shadows, and take your stand upon that jutting rock—clinging to it well meanwhile, and being very sure of your footing, for your head will surely grow dizzy—and there opens before you one of the most stupendous scenes of Nature—THE LOWER FALLS AND THE AWFUL CAÑON OF THE YELLOWSTONE.

“And now, where shall I begin, and how shall I, in any wise, describe this tremendous sight—its overpowering grandeur, and, at the same time, its inexpressible beauty?

“Look yonder—those are the Lower Falls of the Yellowstone. They are not the grandest in the world, but there are none more beautiful. There is not the breadth and dash of Niagara, nor is there the enormous depth of leap of some of the waterfalls of the Yosemite. But here is majesty of its own kind, and beauty, too. On either side are vast pinnacles of sculptured rock. There, where the rock opens for the river, its waters are compressed from a width of 200 feet between the Upper and Lower Falls to 100 feet where it takes the plunge. The shelf of rock over which it leaps is absolutely level. The water seems to wait a moment on its verge ; then it passes with a single bound of 300 feet into the gorge below. It is a sheer, unbroken, compact, shining mass of silver foam. But your eyes are all the time distracted from the fall itself, great and beautiful as it is, to its marvelous setting—to the surprising overmastering cañon into which the river leaps and through which it flows, dwindling to but a foamy ribbon there in its appalling depths. As you cling here to this jutting rock the Falls are already many hundred feet below you. The Falls unroll their whiteness down amid the cañon glooms. * * * These rocky sides are almost perpendicular—indeed, in many places the boiling springs have gouged them out so as to leave overhanging cliffs and tables at the top. Take a stone and throw it over—you must wait long before you hear it strike. Nothing more awful have I ever seen than the yawning of that chasm. And the stillness, solemn as midnight, profound as death! The water dashing there, as in a kind of agony, against those rocks, you cannot hear. The mighty distance lays the finger of its silence on its white lips.

“But this is not all, nor is the half yet told. As soon as you can stand it, go out on that jutting rock again and mark the sculpturing of God upon those vast and solemn walls. By dash of wind and wave, by forces of the frost, by file of snow plunge and glacier and mountain torrent, by the hot breath of boiling springs, those walls have been cut into the most various and surprising shapes. I have seen the middle age castles along the Rhine; there those castles are reproduced exactly. I have seen the soaring summits of the great cathedral spires in the country beyond the sea; there they stand in prototype, only loftier and sublimer.

“And then, of course, and almost beyond all else, you are fascinated by the magnificence and utter opulence of color. Those are not simply gray and hoary depths and reaches and domes and pinnacles of sullen rock. The whole gorge flames. It is as though

rainbows had fallen out of the sky and hung themselves there like glorious banners. The underlying color is the clearest yellow; this flushes onward into orange. Down at the base the deepest mosses unroll their draperies of the most vivid green; browns, sweet and soft, do their blending; white rocks stand spectral; turpents of rock shoot up as crimson as though they were drenched through with blood. It is a wilderness of color. It is impossible that even the pencil of an artist can tell it. What you would call, accustomed to the softer tints of nature, a great exaggeration, would be the utmost tameness compared with the reality. It is as though the most glorious sunset you ever saw had been caught and held upon that resplendent, awful gorge."

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7th.—Leave at 8 A. M., in wagons, for Lower Geyser Basin where the night will be spent.

THURSDAY, JULY 8th.—Leave Lower Geyser Basin at 7 A. M. and proceed in wagons through to the *Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel*, reaching there early in the evening.

FRIDAY, JULY 9th.—Leave at 8.30 A. M. for Cinnibar and Livingston, where the main line of the Northern Pacific Railway is joined. Pullman cars will there be taken for the Eastward journey.

SATURDAY, JULY 10th.—*En route* Eastward. Meals in Dining-Cars.

ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS AND LAKE MINNETONKA.

SUNDAY, JULY 11th.—Due at St. Paul at noon. (*Merchant's Hotel*.)

MONDAY, JULY 12th.—To be spent at St. Paul.

TUESDAY, JULY 13th.—Proceed by early morning train to Minneapolis where the day will be spent, carriages being provided for a drive to Minnehaha Falls and other chief points of interest, after which an evening train will be taken for Lake Minnetonka, one hour distant.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14th. { To be spent at Lake Minnetonka.
THURSDAY, JULY 15th. { During the stay an excursion on the lake will be provided.

FRIDAY, JULY 16th.—Return to St. Paul and proceed, at 1.40 P. M., by Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, to Chicago.

SATURDAY, JULY 17th.—Reach Chicago at 7 A. M. (*Sherman House*) and spend the day.

SUNDAY, JULY 18th.—A day of rest at Chicago.

MONDAY, JULY 19th.—Leave Chicago at 8.30 P. M., *via* Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway, for Niagara Falls.

NIAGARA FALLS.

TUESDAY, JULY 20th.—Due at Niagara Falls at noon. (*Clifton House*.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21st.—Spend the day at Niagara Falls, leaving at night in Pullman cars for New York.

THURSDAY, JULY 22d.—Due at New York at 7 A. M.

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